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Encephalitis precautions begun

Warm days will bring mosquito misery

By CAROLE LANGE

If the current weather trend continues, Hancock County could experience a build-up of permanent water mosquitoes, including the insect which carries St. Louis encephalitis (SLE).

According to Kerry Crosby, director of the Gulf Coast Mosquito Control Commission, it's too early to predict if this spring will bring an influx of SLE-carrying mosquitoes into the area.

Some mosquitoes are already in the area, Crosby noted, but added it was not unusual to find mosquitoes this early in the year.

"In fact," Crosby said, "we made our highest lighttrap collection of mosquitoes during February of 1974."

During last year's SLE epidemic, the disease-carrying mosquitoes accounted for 25 deaths of the 229 reported probable or confirmed cases in the state. The hardest hit area was Washington County in the Delta, where 101 cases were reported. There were no deaths reported in Hancock County.

In an effort to prevent, or at least cut down the number of SLE-carrying insects in the Coast area, Crosby said the Commission will stage an extensive campaign to eliminate breeding sites of the permanent water mosquitoes.

He said citizens will be urged to empty all containers "ranging from potato chip sacks to tires" which can collect water and provide a breeding site for mosquito larvae.

The SLE mosquito is unique in that it is not a "pest insect" or one which feeds on human blood. According to Crosby, the SLE mosquito bites birds which then transmit the disease to humans. Crosby added the Commission will begin bleeding birds in the area next week to detect any encephalitis samples as another preventive measure.

Hancock County has the potential for a heavy mosquito population, partly due to poor water drainage especially

in the areas of Pearllington, Clermont Harbor, and Waveland.

The salt marsh mosquito, which flourishes in a cycle of dry weather followed by rain, is most prevalent in Hancock.

To control the number of these type mosquitoes, Crosby said the Commission will continue to "ditch" the salt marsh areas allowing for better tide flow.

"If the tide can keep an area clean, then fish life, especially minnows, will

gather there and eat the mosquito larvae," he said.

The Commission is also experimenting with another control system, the juvenile hormone method. In this process, Crosby said, chemicals similar to the hormones found in the insect are sprayed on mosquito larvae in the water.

"The spray has no effect on them then," Crosby said "but it either kills or deforms the insect as it emerges into the pupal stage."

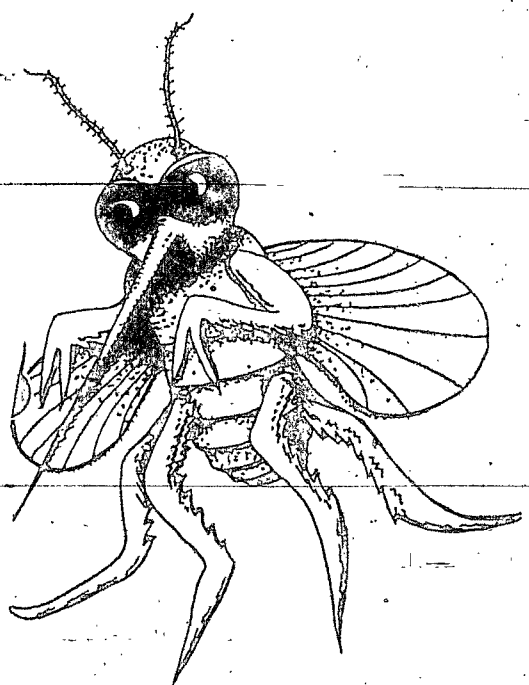
Crosby said the method is "comparably effective" to other control measures, but added that it cannot be applied to the SLE-carrying mosquito.

At a Thursday news conference in Jackson, it was announced that the state Senate had approved \$125,000 to battle SLE, and health officials moved to locate potential encephalitis trouble spots before warmer weather comes.

Jack McMillan, director of state solid waste management and control, said local governments must finance the cost for spraying and removal of mosquito breeding areas, with the state providing technical assistance.

County supervisors can levy up to a three mill tax for mosquito control programs, yet, McMillan said, only two areas in the state are taking advantage of the funding source.

Over \$380,000 was spent on mosquito control programs last year in the three coastal counties. Spraying, which concluded in October, will not begin again until later in the year because the Commission is short of funds.



CULEX QUINQUEFASCIATUS



Stagnant water, as shown here, offers ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.

Illinois man free on bond

An Illinois man, Brad W. Vahle, 24, awaits grand jury action on charges of assaulting a state law enforcement officer.

Vahle was arrested Feb. 3 after he allegedly struck Mississippi Highway Patrolman Clyde Hester in the face as the officer issued a speeding ticket to Vahle's father.

In a special hearing Monday, Justice

of the Peace Lee Klein handed down separate sentences of 30 days in the county jail and a \$300 fine on lesser charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Vahle's attorney, Harold DeMetz of Gulfport, has appealed the rulings and the defendant has returned to Illinois on a \$5,000 bond.

Staggering utility bills cause customers to seek relief

By CAROLE LANGE

Consumers who have been customers of Coast Electric Power Association for 13 months may soon go on a "budget billing" system as the company launches a plan to soothe the "staggering amounts" some customers pay during the peak electric power usage months, according to H.L. Thomas, Coast Electric manager.

Thomas said Friday that the plan will not lessen the total amount consumers pay during the year, but it will allow them to pay the same amount each month. He said individual budgets will be computed for each customer, based on his electric power usage and payment record for a 12 month period. "We hope to put the plan into effect by air conditioning season," he said "because that's when the bills are historically higher."

Thomas said that the cost of fuel used by Coast Electric has increased from \$1.94 per thousand kilowatt hour in 1975 to \$5.49 in 1976, but added that his company has not subjected customers to a rate increase.

"Our customers are feeling the pinch now," he said due to double fuel usage. He emphasized that Coast Electric receives no revenue from the doubled price. "It goes right back into paying for fuel," he said.

When asked when consumers could expect some relief from soaring electric bills, Thomas replied "No one has the answer to that, in fact it is predicted that fuel costs will continue to rise into the unknown."

He mentioned measures proposed this week by Rep. Gerald Blessey of Biloxi, who submitted a bill to the legislature which would prevent a utility company from passing on to the consumer a fuel adjustment more than 10 percent above the previous month.

That bill would also prevent utilities from increasing fuel costs as a result of using an alternate source of fuel due to breakdown or equipment failure.

A second bill submitted by the lawmaker would give consumers a special rate for residences using 3,000 or less kilowatt hours per month, with the rate to be set by the Public Service Commission.

Another Blessey proposal would prohibit utility companies from making tax-exempt donations to any organization or institution, and a fourth measure would permit utility consumers to have \$1 per month checked off their bills to provide funds for

consumer public interest groups to be represented at rate hearings.

Thomas explained different steps being taken in selected areas of the nation to provide some relief to senior citizens on fixed incomes, those hardest hit by rising utility bills.

He said the "lifeline" rate system would designate a certain amount of electricity to be sold at regular costs, and any electricity used above that amount would cost extra.

When asked which household items cost the greatest amount to use, Thomas said the electric stove is the chief culprit, costing 40 cents per kilowatt hour of operation.

To operate an electric heating system costs three cents per kilowatt hour of capacity; water heater, 15 cents per hour; color television, 2.9 cents per hour; and clothes dryer, 14 and one half cents per hour. Thomas said electric lighting is least expensive to use.

A major complaint of many consumers has been the failure of utility

companies to read the customer's meter. Thomas said Coast Electric is now reading half of the meters served, but relies on estimates for the remainder.

He said the latter group of customers are sent a meter card which they are asked to fill out and return. "For those who don't return a card, we estimate their bill based on two previous months of usage," he said.

Since some error is bound to occur when inexperienced homeowners read their own meters, Thomas said checks are made periodically and those customers who have underestimated their bill receive "sometimes staggering" pro-rated bills, while those who have overestimated their bill receive a credit.

He said the company used the old system of meter reading for 35 years, but expects to have all customer meters read by company personnel by May of this year.

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Valentine Day was marked at Bay Junior High School by door decoration contest. Sarah Gibson, left, and Karen Ebyard were prime decorators on eighth grade door capturing first prize.

Photo by Jake Jacob

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Future shade

The Fifth Annual Arbor Day ceremony was held Friday on campus at North Bay Elementary School. This year's event was dedicated to Mrs. Laveria LaCoste, here completing planting the Bicentennial Year tree.

-Photo by Jake Jacob

Tresch captures Diamondhead event

Joycelyn Tresch and Alma Dobson were winner and runner-up respectively in Class A of the recent 18 hole event of the Diamondhead Women's Golf Association.

Mrs. Dobson was also closest to the pin on number six.

Class B winner was Peg Murray and Doris Diamond took runner-up honors.

Deaths

EVA BURCH

Services for Mrs. Eva Cora Burch, 61, New Orleans, La., were held Thursday from Riemann-Fahy Funeral Home followed by burial in Garden of Memory Cemetery.

Mrs. Burch died Tuesday at her home. She was a member of Elysian Fields Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Curtis C. Burch; one daughter, Marjorie Nye Burch, New Orleans; two brothers, William W. Griffith, Bay St. Louis, and David C. Griffith, Pensacola, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Caroline Sharp, Louisville, Ky. and Mrs. Edith Keiser, Burlington, Vt.; and her step-mother, Mrs. Helen Griffith.

The nine hole event was won by Alice Little with Marion Schureman closest to the hole.

Members of the Gulf Coast Women's Golf Association are reminded to contact Doris Wattigny or Louise Smith by Feb. 17 to make reservations for the shot gun event and Marco Polo luncheon.

TIPS ON HAIR DRYING

Men and women who want their hair to have that professionally styled look need not necessarily go to a beauty salon or barber shop to achieve it. Styling dryers can often give you a fashionable look with little effort or expense. Here are some tips on using them.

1. Let your hair dry for about 15 minutes before using the styling dryer. The process will take less time.
2. There's no need to sit under a dryer with new styling dryers. Simply sit down, direct the nozzle towards your hair, and turn it on.
3. Don't worry about over-drying your hair. According to tests performed by Norelco on its Quick Dry 1000 professional type hair dryer, a user would spend only 73 cents a year if he dried his hair every day.
4. Combine the drying process with the brushing and combing process. This way, your hair will wave or fluff just the way you direct it.



By

Dr. Whitt N. Schultz

Thoughts That'll Make You Think

- The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.
- A good boss is the individual who can step on your toes without messing up your shine.
- A company is known by the men (and women) it retains.
- The person who gets ahead is the one who accomplishes more than is necessary, and keeps right on doing it.
- Yes! Keep on going. Chances are you'll successfully stumble on something when you're least expecting it... Never heard of a person stumbling on something sitting down.
- Be kind. Be thoughtful. Remember, everyone you meet is often quietly fighting his own hard battle.
- The true leader has two important characteristics:
He's going somewhere;
He's able to persuade other people to go with him.
- Yep! A really good boss is the able person who takes more than his share of the blame... and less than his share of the credit.
- 'Tis true: You never get that second chance to make a good first impression.
- A wit once said: "Folks can be divided into three groups:
"Those who make things happen.
"Those who watch things happen.
"And... those who wonder what happened!"
- A person rarely succeeds at anything unless he has fun doing it.
- The real goal of criticism is to give the person the positive feeling he's helped.
- It's said the development of a new product today is a three step process:
An American company announces an invention;
The Russians claim they made the same discovery 20 years ago and;
The Japanese start exporting it.
- Best way to forget your own problems is to help someone solve theirs.
- Trouble with the fellow who talks too fast is that he often says something he hasn't thought of yet.
- Men don't stumble over mountains, but over molehills.
- Cooperation is sincerely doing, with a smile, what you have to do anyway.
- Will Rogers said it:
"This great country is where it is today on account of the real common sense of the big normal majority."
- Yes! A person is truly about as big as the little things which make him angry.
- Seeing opportunity in every difficulty: that's the optimists' behavior.

Bay city fund continues deficit

Bay St. Louis' 20 fund accounts at December 31, 1975 indicated a sum total of \$259,941.36. Making up that sum are the following group totals: City (general operating) Account with a book overdraft of \$48,036.67; bond and interest funds (excluding utility) \$34,146.50; special purpose funds (excluding utility) \$45,491.17; utility operating and maintenance funds, \$30,906.10; utility bond and interest funds, \$78,605.48; and utility special purpose funds, \$70,792.11. A total of \$158,725.15, or 61.06 percent of the total money on hand was invested in interest bearing accounts at the close of the month.

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To the French I have forgiven them for making me feel less than welcome as a tourist in Paris simply because my tongue refused to roll out a proper reply to "Avez-vous de l'argent?" (Have you any money).

Once on a sidewalk cafe I heard two ladies discussing me. One explained that I looked like an American and the other replied: "J'aime mieux les chiens". (I prefer dogs).

Yes, they are fully forgiven. Just look how beautifully they are responding to our "le bicentenaire".

Here's my checklist: 200 years ago they gave us Lafayette and six thousand soldiers.

100 years ago they sent us the Statue of Liberty. This year? The French are sending their President, gifts for Independence Hall and Mount Vernon... and the French television will air a series of 26 episodes recreating the American Revolution.

French troops under General de Rochambeau helped defeat the British in the decisive battle at Yorktown in 1781.

"The World of Franklin and Jefferson" at the Grand Palais, Paris begun celebrating the American bicentennial, a full year in advance. Some two million visitors are expected to view it during its entourage in America with itinerary including New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

The exhibition, built around the lives of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson begin with Franklin's birth in 1706 and end with Jefferson's death in 1826 - a span of 120 vital years of American history.

The French contribution, a sound-and-light show at Mount Vernon, cost an estimated \$800,000. French President Giscard d'Estaing will roar in aboard the Concorde supersonic jetliner in May to perform the dedication rites.

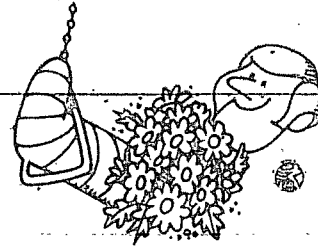
So V.I.P.'s from France - up to a quarter of their naval manpower, and several French artists of prominence will visit the United States during this

bicentennial year. We owe the French a debt of gratitude. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then the French visitors will be flattered when they see how frequently our architecture is patterned after French cathedrals and chateaus. How lavish our praise of French culinary arts; now treasured are the French perfumes! How frequently French names are given our streets - our county seats!

Ah, yes. Should I see some French ladies on tour and in one of our American restaurants I would say: "Ce qui se passe en France aujourd'hui m'interesse beaucoup."

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Community problems aired before Chamber

Pride in community, beautification, and a campaign against littering were three of the main topics advanced Wednesday morning at the fourth area regional meeting of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

Approximately 42 persons attended the fourth session at the Dock of the Bay Lounge in downtown Bay St. Louis.

Ron Griffin, chairman of the Chamber retail committee, presided over the meeting.

Suggestions coming out of the meeting included a system of "underground utilities," advocated by Mayor Warren Carver, a cleanup of beaches including "unsightly" pilings and debris, and stiffer litter penalties.

Federal funds also came under review.

The county has \$487,000 available to it for community development, according to Carver, who said the funds were part of \$50 billion put forward nationally by the Department of Housing and

Urban Development (HUD). The county must first demonstrate and express a need for the funds, however, according to city commissioner Clarence Ladner.

Merchants expressed the feeling that a joint effort between Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and the County may result in a greater realization of federal funds.

The suggestion was also voiced that a group of professionals be engaged on a full time basis to ascertain the complete range of federal

programs available and prepare the necessary applications.

Other topics touched on included increased shoplifting which allegedly drove one store's losses up from a budgeted half of one percent to more than three percent; the necessity for improved communications within the community; the promotion of a "Buy at Home" campaign; provision of more jobs to heads of households; and the downtown parking problem.

TIDES

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WEEK OF 2-15-76 BAY OF ST. LOUIS		
Sun.	10:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.
Mon.	12:05 a.m.	10:18 a.m.
Tues.	1:12 a.m.	10:02 a.m.
Wed.	2:08 p.m.	7:57 p.m.
Thurs.	2:30 a.m.	8:47 a.m.
Fri.	2:30 p.m.	11:24 p.m.
Sat.	3:48 p.m.	2:08 a.m.
Sun.	4:45 p.m.	3:41 a.m.
	5:44 p.m.	4:49 a.m.

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Around the clubhouse

VFW AUXILIARY

The Mid-Winter Conference of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars recently held in Jackson was truly a "Bicentennial Celebration."

Arlene McDermott, national chaplain, arrived in time for the Memorial Service and to hear the choral group composed of Junior Girls and Auxiliary members of Brooks Stewart No. 9832. Costumes depicting different eras of the past 200 years were worn by auxiliary members at the "Birthday" dance on Friday evening.

Voice of Democracy state winner, Gloria Anne Neill of Ellenville, sponsored by VFW Post 3042 and Auxiliary of Laurel, delivered her essay "What Our Bicentennial Heritage Means to Me" at the banquet Saturday.

The birthday theme was carried throughout the banquet with "Spirit of 76" centerpieces surrounded by poppies on each table.

State Chaplain Marie James

of Clinton, who served as convention chairman, presented Bicentennial Chairman Inez Sherwood of Cleveland her committee of representatives from each district in the State who carried in a three-tier poppy covered birthday cake with statuettes of American presidents circling the tiers.

During the Auxiliary School of Instruction, President Jean Woodard of Gulfport presented acknowledged outstanding treasurers in the State.

Bobbie Howell of Corinth, senior vice president and state membership chairman, presented Bicentennial "Spirit of 76" awards to those auxiliaries reaching membership goals.

Americanism Chairman Enzo Gandy of Ocean Springs presented Outstanding Americanism Awards to Long Beach 9937, Bay St. Louis 3253 and Toxie Stapleton 6473 of Jackson.

Pass Christian Auxiliary 5931 was the winner of the Americanism slogan contest.

From The Barber's Shop
By Nathan Barber
First Baptist Church Bay St. Louis, Miss.

HORSE SENSE ABOUT GAMBLING

Proponents of legalized gambling rattle-dazzle the public with figures - figures indicating that all the "Land of Opportunity" has to do to solve its financial problems is to invite in the gamblers - Nevada style.

Not A Revenue Raiser

The promise of revenue has been grossly overestimated as to the percentage of the total tax yield. In considering the legalization of gambling as a revenue measure, it is unrealistic to ignore the harmful economic effects.

There is substantial evidence that legalized gambling has very pronounced effects on local business and that such effects are clearly detrimental - including bad debts, etc.

Profits from race track gambling do not substantially contribute to the economy as the principle is that gambling takes the wealth that has been produced by a great number of people and siphons it off to those few who already have considerable amounts of money.

Nearly all the mechanical equipment is leased by the American Totalizer Company, Racing throughout the United States is principally supervised by the New York Jockey Club. For the most part, they hire and import to a state those who run the races. So, for most of the year, only a few employees are needed and at race time, most of them are imported.

Let's Not Fool Ourselves

The history of other states show that with legal book-making at so-called "controlled tracks," illegal gambling spreads in huge uncontrollable waves over the state. The unlicensed and illegal gambling is most difficult to ferret out and control.

Further, is the loss to consumer markets as those least able to afford losses seem to be the ones who gamble the most. Merchants and business men find it more difficult to collect their accounts as money that would be spent for consumer goods is diverted to gambling.

Gambling Is For Suckers!

Parimutuel system basically accomplishes two things:
1. The track cannot lose, and
2. The consistent group of bettors cannot possibly win.

The Profit Goes To The Hoodlum

It is common knowledge documented so often by law-enforcement people that organized crime is bank-rolled by organized gambling. We have seen enough of the effects of this already in Mississippi without giving opportunity for the under-world to become entrenched in our state.

PERENNIAL EFFORT FOR ORGANIZED GAMBLING, editorial, Jackson Clarion Ledger, March 10, 1970: "Mississippi needs many things but organized gambling is not one of them. We need enterprises that will bring money into our state - not take it out. And outside forces apparently are agitating the present effort - for the purpose of draining funds out of the state."

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Junior Artist Mrs. Travis Hensley introduced two of the many artists featured in the Gulf National Bank student art display to bank Vice President John R. Rosetti. Participating in the 3A sponsored exhibit are Christ Episcopal Day School

students Helyn Hensley and Scott McDonald. Junior Auxiliary members have like exhibits in all area banks, Waveland Drug, and the City-County Library.

—Photo by Jake Jacob

Mileage expenses may be tax deductible

JACKSON. — Taxpayers who drive their automobiles for business, moving, charitable and medical purposes may use optional mileage allowances when completing their tax return, the Internal Revenue Service reminds filers.

William Daniel, IRS District Director for Mississippi, explained that the standard mileage rate for automobiles used in business is 15 cents per mile for the first 15,000 miles and 10 cents per mile for each additional mile of business use. Taxpayers using their

own automobiles for charitable, medical or moving expense are allowed 7 cents per mile under tax guidelines. Daniel added, Parking and toll fees may be claimed in addition to the mileage rate.

Taxpayers have the choice of either keeping actual records of operating and fixed expenses and depreciation or using the optional mileage allowance which rates them into present, according to Daniel.

penses by his or her employer. Also, if the employer's reimbursement exceeds the employee's actual expenses, the amount of excess must be shown in gross income.

For more details concerning business expenses, IRS Publication 463, "Travel, Entertainment, and Gift Expenses," is available free of charge from the Internal Revenue Service.

Publications outlining moving, charitable, medical and travel deductions are also available free from IRS offices. A handy order form for requesting tax forms and free IRS publications appears in the tax package instructions.

Public liable when causing outdoor fires

The Mississippi Forestry Commission reminds Hancock County residents that a person causing fire on land not his own is in violation of the law and subject to prosecution.

County Forester Michael Williams today explained that a person who negligently allows fire to spread onto another's property is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, may be fined up to \$500 or imprisoned up to three months, or both.

The forester warned that anyone planning to do outdoor burning should take every possible precaution to keep the fire from spreading onto another's land.

"Anytime you start a fire," Williams said, "you're fully responsible for it, and regardless of your intentions or prevailing circumstances, if it causes fire on someone else's land, you have violated a law."

He distinguished the misdemeanor violation from deliberate arson by explaining that anyone willfully, maliciously and feloniously setting fire on any land not his

Honor students

Jude Ann Blake of Bay St. Louis has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Jackson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College.

The Dean's List requires a B average with no grade below C.

Michael S. Keel and Mary Helen Moran of Pass Christian have been named to the President's List for the fall semester at Jackson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College.

A student must maintain an A average on at least 15 semester hours of work to earn the honor with the Dean's List requires a B average with no grade below C.

The following Pass Christian students have been named to the Dean's List: Jude Ann Blake, John E. Brown, and Henry B. Brown.

Jarvis nightmare

Rebs ponder longest losing streak

UNIVERSITY, Miss. — Ole Miss and Mississippi State, both with something to prove, collide here Saturday night in a Southeastern Conference basketball feature.

The tipoff hour in U.M. "Bud" Smith Coliseum is 7:30 p.m. The preliminary game at 5-20 matches the Lady Rebels, currently with a 16-4 record, and Southern Mississippi.

For the Rebels, the goal is to prove they can win in SEC basketball. With a 0-10 worksheet, they have barely missed in a half-dozen games this winter.

With the Bulldogs, who sport a 4-7 league record, there is less at stake though a victory would enhance State's bid for a middle-bracket finish in Conference play. Also, it would enable the Starkville crew to sweep this season's series with the Rebels, who were beaten 68-54 there in mid-January.

To illustrate how good fortune apparently has deserted the Rebels, they were beaten 61-50 at Vanderbilt on Feb. 2 by a last-second, 35-foot shot propelled by Dickey Reiser.

By way of contrast, State edged Auburn Monday night at Starkville, 75-73, when Al Carter dropped in two free throws after time had run out.

"We've been cross enough at the finish to have won five or six games in recent weeks," Ole Miss coach Robert "Doc" Jarvis pointed out. "Our luck has not changed much since then."

But if it is a case of bad luck, the Rebels will be within reaching distance of their

longest losing streak in history. And with Alabama's defending championship moving in for a Monday argument, successive losses here Saturday and Monday would match the 13 consecutive losses in SEC results linked together in 1941's 2-18 season. That string ran to 13, including one non-Conference reversal.

Bay meeting aims for input

Citizens of Bay St. Louis are invited to attend the first community involvement meeting to be held at City Hall Thursday evening, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for residents of the city to meet with the mayor and commissioners to

Most importantly, Carver added, it will afford an opportunity for anyone in attendance to present ideas that might be beneficial or helpful to the conduct of the affairs of the city, air grievances or complaints or just to ask questions about



The Court of Hearts

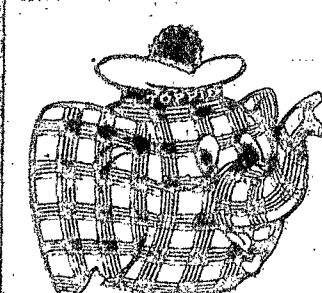
The Prince and Princess of Hearts, Lord Robert and Lady Patricia, were in royal regalia following coronation, Friday, at Jackson North Central School. Volunteer court attendants seated them on thrones with court for special presentation. Presenting the Prince and Princess were the Queen, Lady, and Queen Mother, Mrs. John, and Mrs. Robert.



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By JOE PILET

At least one outsider from Hancock County plans to accompany the Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage all the way from Bay St. Louis to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. His name is Thomas Meredith, a little mascot of mine who accompanied me Wednesday in an address before the Rotary Club. Thomas Meredith was one of our real Revolutionary War patriots.

By now we all know that the Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage is a project of the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania.

The train is composed of an official wagon from each of the 50 states, plus five Pennsylvania conestoga wagons, chuck wagons, outriders and Mayflower vans carrying stage equipment for professional talent. The train will follow early trails and will rendezvous at Valley Forge on the Fourth of July for a two month encampment.

Mississippi's wagon will join the train on Wednesday, Feb. 25 when a ceremony is planned at the Oak Harbor Estates of Pearlinton. During this time dignitaries from our state including Governor Cliff Finch, Secretary of State Heber Ladner, Mississippi Bicentennial Director Perry Snyder, Hancock Sheriff Sylvan Ladner, and members of the Board of Supervisors and mayors will be recognized.

Tom Watts, who will accompany the train to Pennsylvania, is president of the Mississippi Horse Council. For any Mississippian who wants to be an actual part of the wagon train by riding a horse or a horse drawn vehicle, Watts said the program was so set up that any

person or group may ride with the train for as long as they like.

The procession will be in Mississippi a total of 38 days and will leave on Highway 45 to connect with wagons from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee.

An official scroll, signed by Rotarians, will be presented to the Mississippi-Wagon Master during the three day encampment at the Hancock County Fair Grounds. The scroll, a condensed pledge, is a reaffirmation of faith of the signers in the Declaration of Independence.

Similar scrolls are being distributed throughout the county to afford every citizen an opportunity to include his signature. These scrolls, along with those collected from the other 49 states, will be enshrined at Valley Forge.

The public is encouraged to take part in the many events included during the encampment. School children will find it educational to visit the encampment site and to witness and enjoy the routines of caring for the horses and setting up campsite.

An afternoon program is scheduled for February 26 at 1:30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Mrs. Richard Shadoin. The program will follow the Americana presentation, a 40 minute staged performance put on by students from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Student gardeners

Deborah Newkirk, left, and Susan Carlson, Bay High seniors, were guest speakers at Thursday's meeting of the Bay-Waveland Garden Club. Both High School Gardeners, the girls have represented the club on several occasions, and here they show Mrs. Herman Mazarakis, first vice president, an environmentally planned landscape blueprint which Miss Newkirk brought from her recent trip to the Mississippi State Horticulture Show.



Highway beautification

As part of its Bicentennial Beautification Project, members of the Bay-Waveland Garden Club staged an Arbor Day ceremony at the Waveland Hospitality Station to plant a magnolia tree and declare the area a bird sanctuary. Taking

part in the proceedings were, from left, Waveland Mayor Johnny Longo; Mrs. Lelyn Nybo, Garden Club president; Mrs. Paul Miller, Arbor Day chairman; and Mrs. Dan M. Russell Jr., civic development chairman.

Arbor Day ceremonies begin beautification

During Arbor Day ceremonies at the Waveland Hospitality Station Friday, Mrs. Dan M. Russell Jr., Bay-Waveland Garden Club civic development chairman, officially announced "the beginning of the end" of the club's project to plant 200 trees along U.S. Highway 90 in commemoration of the

nation's bicentennial.

The brief ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Paul Miller, Arbor Day chairman. Waveland American Legion Post 77 led the pledge of allegiance. Club president Mrs. Lelyn Nybo gave the invocation.

In his remarks, Mayor Longo commended the club

for making possible "this symbol of American tradition."

The bicentennial beautification project began last year and will conclude this summer with the planting of 100 pear trees in Bay St. Louis and Waveland and 900 red, white, and blue verbenas in various areas of the county.

In commemoration of the bicentennial theme, Mrs. Russell said the club also planned to place sanctuary markers in the two cities. Four markers will be placed in Waveland and two in Bay St. Louis.

Contributors to the project include the club's HANDS committee, Bay St. Louis American Legion, Altrusa Club, Merchants Bank, Coast Electric Power Association, Rotary Club, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock Bank, Han-

cock County Board of Supervisors, and the City of Waveland.

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Wanna be my valentine?

Our Lady of the Gulf students Rocky Scafield and Kim Brown handle a few of the valentines that went into the class box later in Mrs. Mary Kay Jones sixth grade class. Rocky is son of Mr. and Mrs. August Scafield while Kim is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown of Pass Christian.

Waveland PTO members

enjoy new sound equipment

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Now 103 members strong, the group recently completed installation of a new public address system donated by

their president Frank Shattuck and member Dallas Powell.

Shattuck also donated and installed a turntable to permit the relay of musical programs, two microphones, and has loaned the educational facility an amplifier system.

Utilizing cement donated by

the City of Waveland, members recently completed pouring new sidewalks.

Forms for the walks were installed last weekend by members Hoot Gibson, Shattuck, and Powell.

The group's building committee group is now securing bids for basketball court asphalt.

Veteran's benefits reviewed

Public Law 93-43, National Cemeteries Act, transferred the National Cemeteries Program from the Army to the Veterans Administration. It also authorized a VA Burial Plot Allowance of \$150 for veterans and a maximum of \$800 burial allowance if the veteran is shown to have died of a service connected death.

Veterans who have an 80 percent service connected disability rating are eligible for Medical Care at VA expense for any condition. Wives and children of veterans rated totally and permanently disabled because of a service connected disability, or who has died of a service connected disability are eligible for medical care under The Civilian Health and Medical Program-Veterans Administration (CHAMPVA). Application must be made for this benefit. Dependents over 65 years of age are not eligible since they have Medicare.

Veterans with as little as 10 percent service connected disabilities (SCD) may now receive vocational rehabilitation training. Prior to enactment of the new law veterans with less than 30 percent SCD had to have a rating of "pronounced employment handicap." The new law removed that restriction and allows for four years of training provided the termination date, generally nine years after discharge has not passed.

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National Direct Student Loan Program (NDSLP) is also available to some.

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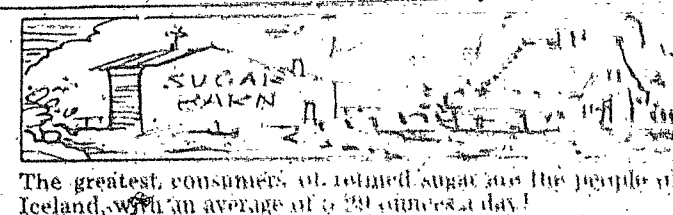
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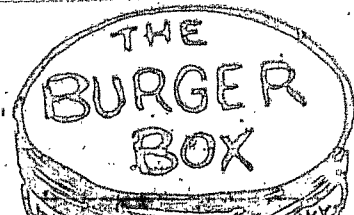
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Shoplifting: the crime everybody pays for

By CAROLE LANGE

After an exhaustive two weeks spent trying to profile the "average" shoplifter in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland area, three facts are certain: the offender is an 11-35-year-old person, usually with enough money to pay for the stolen item, and always believes he won't be caught.

Shoplifting is not a crime that is restricted to so-called "hardened criminals." Anyone can commit it. However, all consumers are victimized by the crime since stores must raise their prices to augment profit loss from pilferage.

In interviews with managers of six area grocery and retail stores, all said

shoplifting is a crime that's been around for a long time, but is noticed more now as the value of the items taken continues to increase and cut into a store's profit.

Don Woodall, Food Center manager, said the dollar loss from shoplifting in his store sometimes reaches two-three percent of an actual week's sales.

"When you're working on a 15 percent profit margin, before any bills are paid, that three percent can be hard to absorb," Woodall said.

At Winn Dixie, manager Bobby Compretta reported shoplifting up 15 percent over last year. TG&Y manager M.F. Howard in Our Shopping Center reports shoplifters take from \$20,000 to

\$30,000 a year in merchandise.

Shoplifters cannot be categorized by a specific age, race, or sex.

National store manager Charlie Kornman said white women between the ages of 45-50 have recently been guilty of the majority of shoplifting attempts in his store.

"Usually, they have more than enough money to pay for the item," Kornman added.

What shoplifters take is apparently governed by whim and by the value placed on an item by the person taking it.

At National, the main target of shoplifters presently is meat, Kornman reported. Previously, though, it was cigarettes and may shift to health and

cartoned cigarettes in a glass case accessible only to one cashier, according to Woodall.

"It causes some hardship on our customers," Woodall admits, "but it's worth it to cut down on theft."

Many crimes of shoplifting (and it is a crime punishable by as much as five years in jail) are committed by juveniles.

"In number, children are the greatest offenders here," a spokesman for TG&Y in Bay St. Louis said.

It was also the store's policy NOT to prosecute juvenile offenders in most cases, he said.

"It depends on their attitude," he said, "but usually we call the child's parents and then ask the local police to

jobs to pay for the item they've stolen. Carbonette said he also feels that if parents were more observant, there would be less instances of shoplifting by children. Carbonette said he did not advocate parental spying but suggested parents question children about where a new item came from, then check out the story.

According to the store managers, many juveniles attempt shoplifting on a dare from their companions.

"The bad thing is, if it works once, they try it again and it turns into a profitable habit," one manager remarked.

Ronnie Slocum, manager of A&P, said most of the store's shoplifting incidences occur at night when crews said the store would increase as a later hours. with one ex-did prosecute

shoplifters. The methods of catching shoplifters were similar. Most relied on store personnel to report a suspected shoplifter. In all of the stores, the shoplifter was allowed to go through the check-out line with the stolen item, before being apprehended outside to give everyone the benefit of the doubt.

For first offenders, sentences can be as much as a \$300 fine or up to six months in the county jail. The possible fine increases to \$500 or a year in jail for those convicted of a second offense. Under both first and second offenses the crime remains a misdemeanor, yet a third conviction for shoplifting becomes a felony and carries a five year jail sentence.

Last year, the Waveland and Bay St. Louis police departments handled a combined total of 33 shoplifting cases.

That number could double this year as store managers are working with police to obtain more prosecutions and reverse any increased losses.

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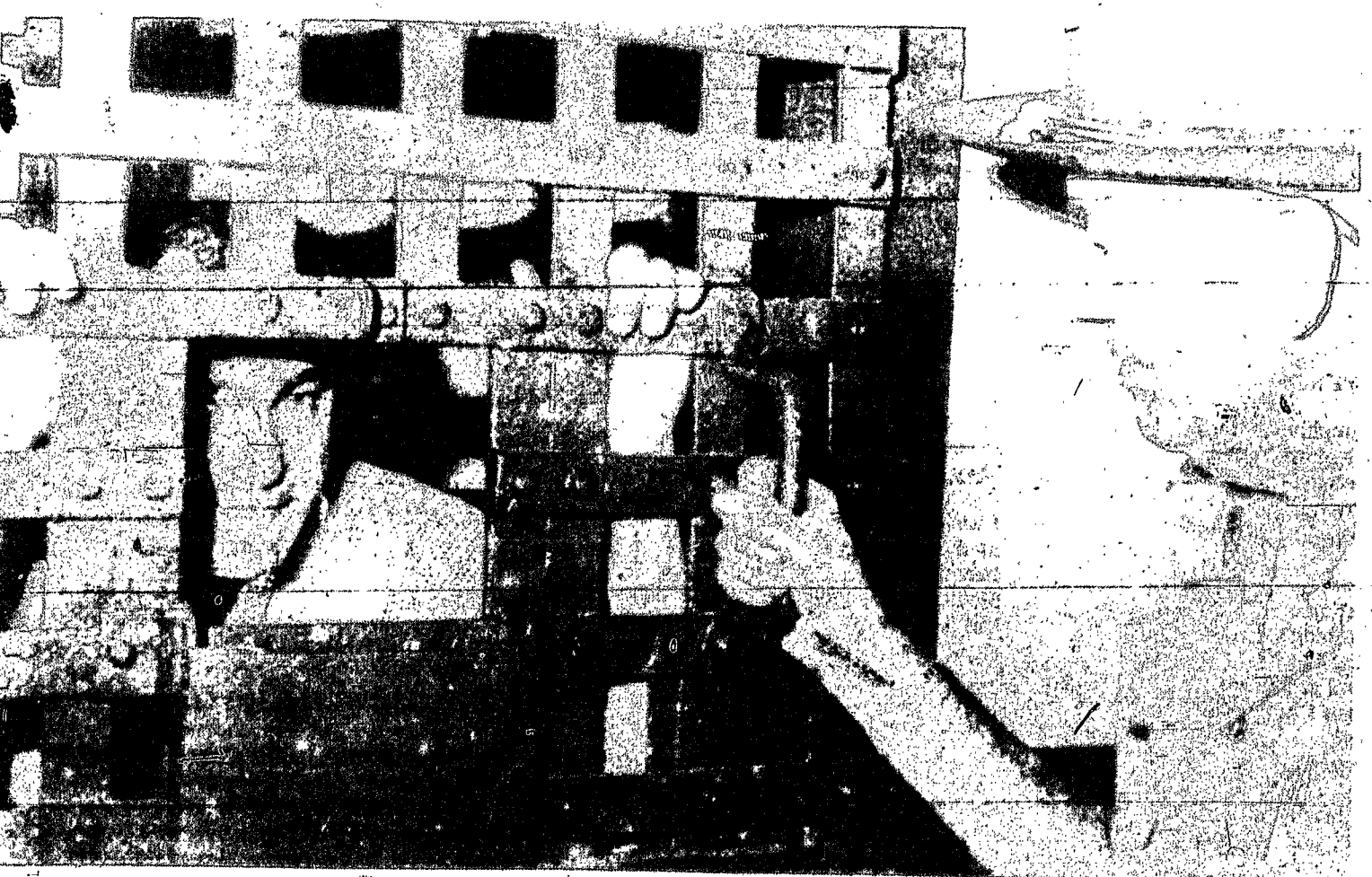
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Chief Factbook of "What are Newspapers Good For?" contest, Mrs. Prima Wusnack, administrator, City-County Public Library, left, gestures while reading out content of entry to fellow judge. Though lacking portfolio, Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, also involved in some pretty fancy gesticulations did much to aid in winner selections. Third judge Billy Sills, was AWOL. He got into trouble. (Complete report on contest progress is given on Page 3).



...the vanquished!

Sadly reviewing his lot in life, ex-Newspaper Contest Judge Billy Sills, is given stern lecture by Sheriff's Deputy Latham Garriga, who handled keys with great expertise, after slamming heavy iron lattice-work door shut behind new inmate.

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presented by Mrs. Santiago. It showed room purpose shifts, personnel progress, and the availability of anesthetists.

The report also served to explain a storeroom cost hike of some \$5,000 for January which was spent for purchase of the necessary OB Department supplies.

Pediatrics is being relocated to rooms 19 and 20, OB is headed for rooms 37 and 38, and isolation is shifting to room 36, the report announced.

The inhalation therapy department is also being readied for relocation within the structure.

No decision had been reached on the anesthesia coverage, and medical staff approval is still awaited on consultant obstetricians.

The main item of personnel discussion centered around the possibilities of obtaining a Registered Nurse graduate of the University of

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-Photo by Carole Lange

Ben from an ordinary fireplug to one with a more "forefatherly fireplug" image. Ben stands sentinel at the south corner of the Florist, and since his completion Monday, has caused many passers-by to slow their cars for a better look.

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Hancock General receives bomb threat

A bomb threat received by Hancock General Hospital at about 2:30 p.m. yesterday caused considerable discomfort to patients, even though a thorough search of the facility failed to turn up any such evidence.

The caller, described by switchboard operator Melanie San Philippe only as being a male, said that a bomb had been left under the bed of one of the

patients. Immediately after being informed of the threat, hospital administrator Mrs. Mona Santiago put an emergency security plan into effect. All ambulatory patients were evacuated into the front lobby, with the removal of the balance of bedridden patients into the main hallways.

Hancock sheriff's department per-

sonnel and Bay St. Louis police secured the building and searched the surrounding area.

Dr. J. B. Levens, hospital chief of staff, called from the Hancock Red Cross blood drawing at the American Legion hall also rushed to the county medical facility to attend to any additional patient requirements.

The Planning Commission earner by a vote of 3-1 (with one abstention) recommended the city not approve the development as proposed. The commission objected to the plans as submitted on grounds that a private access road through the subdivision did not meet subdivision regulations as to width.

Pass Mayor Steve Saucier was first to address the large crowd of interested citizens Tuesday night.

Saucier reiterated his support of the development stressing the need of the

Jackson County grand jury.

Jackson County Assistant District Attorney Joe Colingo said Tuesday that two cases recently handed down by the State Supreme Court contend that it is illegal for a grand jury to be impaneled, then dismissed and recalled following an intervening court term.

Such was the case in Jackson County when the grand jury, which indicted Moore and approximately 300 others, was impaneled in April, 1976, then dismissed and recalled in September following a June circuit court term.

legally impaneled the second time.

If the Supreme Court rules that the Jackson County grand jury was illegally impaneled, Colingo said, all those indicted can file an error coram novis suit which would allow them to be retried and subsequently retried. Moore, a 23-year-old Pascagoula black, was on trial in Hancock County during the October term of Circuit Court for the rape and murder of a white Pascagoula school teacher. He was found guilty and sentenced to death in the gas chamber.

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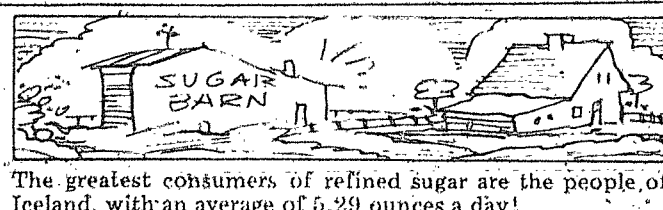
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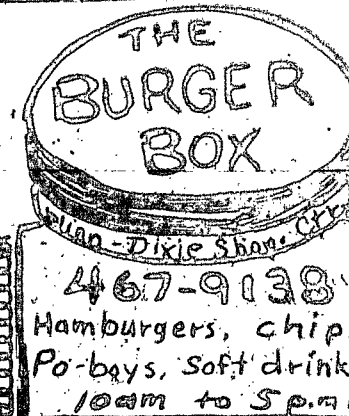
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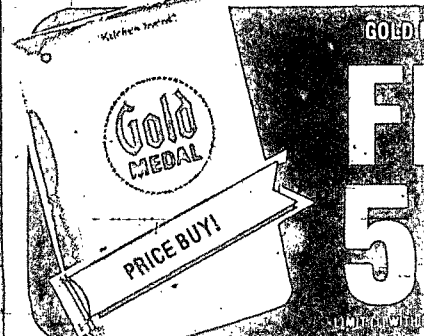
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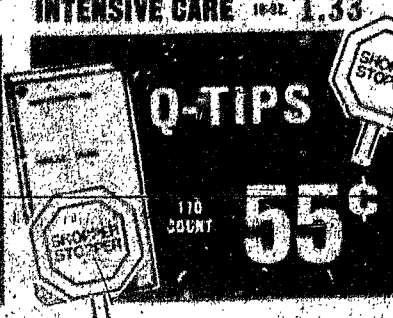
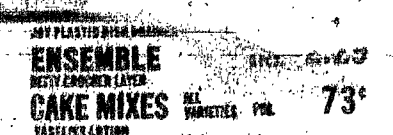
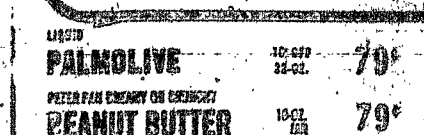
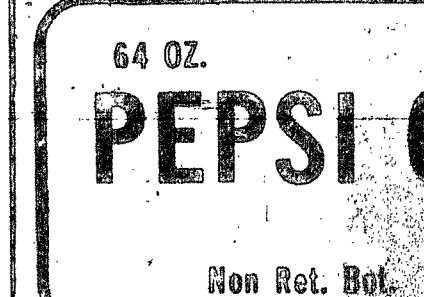
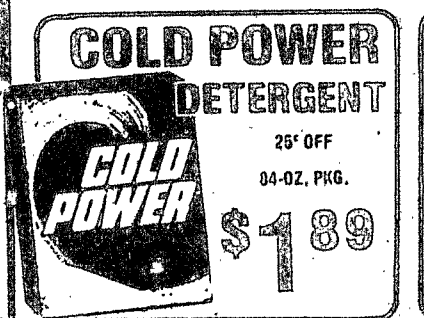
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Bay Junior poet, tomboy, permits works publication

"I am me" was the first poem from the pen of Linda Ann Scianna, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scianna of Felicita St., Bay St. Louis.

The second work, "If I were," followed almost immediately, with the balance of these published selections all completed within the span of the last few weeks.

Linda, speaking of her writing earlier this week, said the titles of her primary compositions were in her mind prior to actual composition. The other poems were given title on completion of the work.

A second grade student at Our Lady of the Gulf School, she credits her sister, Danita, with teaching her the basic "A,B,C's" and "...all that stuff."

Keen to complete "projects," the junior poet keeps her family finely honed searching for things to occupy her agile mind as, without challenge, the job interest lags swiftly.

Liking animals, and dolls (of which she says she has millions), Linda has five brothers and two sisters, Mary Ann, 16, and "the little one," described as being six months old.

Fond of craft work, embroidery, and decoration, the young Scianna girl, who aims to join the school chorus next year, is heralded as being possessed of superior talents in the kitchen. Her culinary masterpieces include homemade pizzas, omelet - ham and

IF I WERE
If I were a pumpkin,
I couldn't eat a dumplin'.
If I were something to throw away,
I wouldn't be so bright and gay.
If I were a road,
I would hold a heavy load.
If I were something to eat,
I would feel a great heat.
If I were a kind of ball,
All the time then I would fall.
If I were a bed,
To hold a person I would dread.
I am a person, bright and gay,
I am a person, and I'll stay that way!

cheese and chives and things, Caesar salads, and big, scrumptious cakes.
Also fond of helping her father in the yard, Linda describes herself as being, "a boy outside the house, and a girl inside the house."
Potential husbands who favor big, well cooked meals and a weekend with ABC Sports over a cut the grass paint-up, fix-up, clean-up campaign will probably line the walkway in a few years.
Of course, we suspect other viewpoints will also change. (J-J)

FATHERS
My father is kind and good,
He helps everyone in the neighborhood.
My daddy keeps on trying to go on a diet,
But when he starts, he starts a riot.
My daddy is always wishing,
That he could go out fishing.
My daddy has a good mind,
But he doesn't leave fishing behind.
My daddy works very hard,
At the office, and home in the yard.
I bet everyone wants a daddy like mine,
Because he is so nice and kind!

MOTHERS
Mothers, mothers are so sweet,
They keep the house so nice and neat.
I wish I could be just like my mother,
Because she is like no other.
Mothers are so nice,
But they are afraid of mice.
If a mother I had to choose,
This one would fit the choice.
If I had my mother's brain,
I would not be insane.
I love my mother so very much,
Because she has a gentle touch.

I am me.
I can't be my sister,
Or my brother,
Or my mother,
Or my father.
I'll be myself,
No other!

I can't be a man,
But I can be a fan.
I couldn't be a lifesaver
Because I couldn't do a favor.
I couldn't be an instrument,
Because I might get bent.
What if I am a doll?
I might be in the Mall!
But I am only me,
And that is who I'll be.



Makes presents

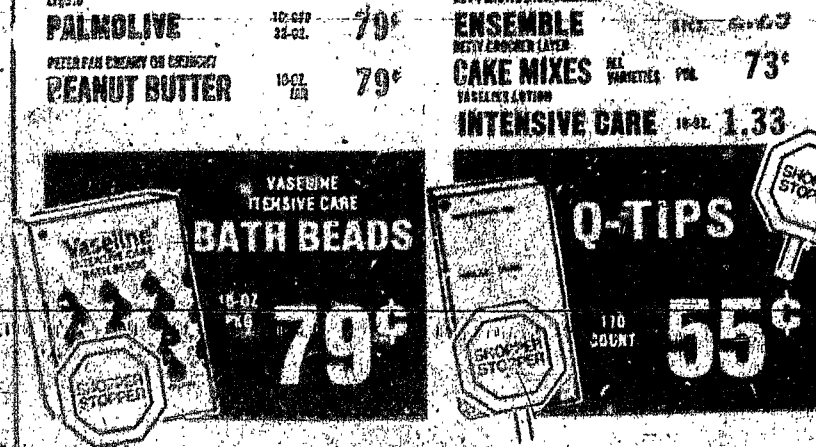
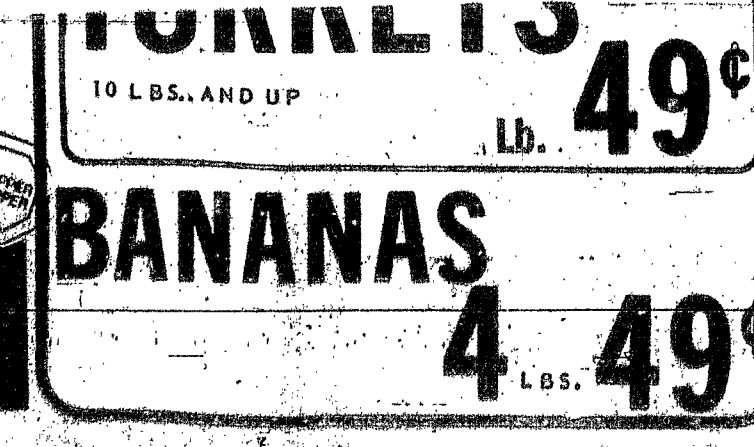
Over at home of her grandmother, Mrs. Inez Favre, Linda Scianna is making surprise birthday presents for her mother. Peach and strawberries, completed, are in foreground. Active girl is working on completion of pear.

Photos by Neville R. Jacob



Pioneer's cabin

Proudly wearing Blue Ribbon, log cabin and Liberty Bell reproduction handcrafted by Leroy Peterson, Jr., 15, formed part of Bay Junior High School's Eighth Grade, English, bleatennial project. Leroy is son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Peterson.



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Shoplifting: the crime everybody pays for

By CAROLE LANGE

After an exhaustive two weeks spent trying to profile the "average" shoplifter in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland area, three facts are certain: the offender is an 11-35-year-old person, usually with enough money to pay for the stolen item, and always believes he won't be caught.

Shoplifting is not a crime that is restricted to so-called "hardened criminals." According to statistics, it

shoplifting is a crime that's been around for a long time, but is noticed more now as the value of the items taken continues to increase and cut into a store's profit.

Don Woodall, Food Center manager, said the dollar loss from shoplifting in his store sometimes reaches two-three percent of an actual week's sales.

"When you're working on a 15 percent profit margin, before any bills are paid, that three percent can be hard to

\$30,000 a year in merchandise.

Shoplifters cannot be categorized by a specific age, race, or sex.

National store manager Charlie Kornman said white women between the ages of 45-50 have recently been guilty of the majority of shoplifting attempts in his store.

"Usually, they have more than enough money to pay for the item," Kornman added.

cartoned cigarettes in a glass case accessible only to one cashier, according to Woodall.

"It causes some hardship on our customers," Woodall admits, "but it's worth it to cut down on theft."

Many crimes of shoplifting (and it is a crime punishable by as much as five years in jail) are committed by juveniles.

"In number, children are the most common offenders," Kornman said.

jobs to pay for the item they've stolen. Carbonette said he also feels that if parents were more observant, there would be less instances of shoplifting by children. Carbonette said he did not advocate parental spying but suggested parents question children about where a new item came from, then check out the story.

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shoplifters. The methods of catching shoplifters were similar. Most relied on store personnel to report a suspected shoplifter. In all of the stores, the shoplifter was allowed to go through the check-out line with the stolen item, before being apprehended outside to give everyone the benefit of the doubt.

For first offenders, sentences can be as much as a \$300 fine or up to six months in the county jail. The possible fine increases to \$500 or a year in jail for those convicted of a second offense. Under both first and second offenses the crime remains a misdemeanor, yet a third conviction for shoplifting becomes a felony and carries a five year jail sentence.

Last year, the Waveland and Bay St. Louis police departments handled a combined total of 33 shoplifting cases.

That number could double this year as store managers are working with police to obtain more prosecutions and reverse any increased losses.

Status Report

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Norman on move

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Photo by Carol Lange

Bicentennial Ben

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Hancock General receives bomb threat

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division of the property into smaller lots for high-priced condominium styled homes. The opponents have expressed fear that any subdivision would erode the character of Scenic Drive.

The Planning Commission earlier by a vote of 3-1 (with one abstention) recommended the city not approve the development as proposed. The commission objected to the plans as submitted on grounds that a private access road through the subdivision did not meet subdivision regulations as to width.

Pass Mayor Steve Saucier was first to address the large crowd of interested citizens Tuesday night.

Saucier reiterated his support of the development stressing the need of the

Moore overturn verdict

Christopher Alvin Moore, convicted of rape and murder by a Hancock County Circuit Court jury last year, may have been illegally indicted by a Jackson County grand jury.

Jackson County Assistant District Attorney Joe Colingo said Tuesday that two cases recently handed down by the State Supreme Court contend that it is illegal for a grand jury to be impaneled, then dismissed and recalled following an intervening court term.

Such was the case in Jackson County when the grand jury, which indicted Moore and approximately 300 others, was impaneled in April, 1973, then dismissed and recalled in September following a June circuit court term.

Coling said however, that other cases from Jackson County now pending an appeal in the Supreme Court could prove that the grand jury was legally impaneled the second time.

If the Supreme Court rules that the Jackson County grand jury was illegally impaneled, Colingo said, all those indicted can file an error correction suit which would allow them to be reindicted and subsequently retried. Moore, a 23-year old Pascagoula black, was on trial in Hancock County during the October term of Circuit Court for the rape and murder of a white Pascagoula school teacher. He was found guilty and sentenced to death in the gas chamber.

Ben from an ordinary fireplug to one with a more "forefatherly fireplug" image. Ben stands sentinel at the south corner of the florist, and since his completion Monday, has caused many passers-by to slow their cars for a better look.

Consumer's Notebook

With Patricia Couch

Perhaps you're thinking of making a major improvement to your home. Here are some things you need to consider before taking that big step.

Not all home improvements mean a profit for you when you decide to sell your house. In fact, each dollar invested in a home improvement usually adds only 50 cents to the value of your house at resale time. Central air conditioning or a remodeled kitchen (indoor additions) have a much bigger impact on the resale value than a swimming pool or screened-in porch (outdoor additions).

Avoid any contractor who claims his work is guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration. The FHA is concerned with financial arrangements, not quality of workmanship. Also avoid the contractor who promises you rebates for furnishing the names of other prospective customers. The homeowner never comes out ahead.

When you decide on a home improvement project, the written estimates from several different contractors. Don't necessarily go with the lowest bidder. Check into reputation and workmanship.

When you finally decide on a contractor, you will be asked to sign a written contract. If you're planning to spend \$1,000 or more, it might be a good idea to have your lawyer take a look at the contract in order to avoid trouble before it begins.

The contractor may want you to put down a large deposit before the work is finished, however, its best not to pay for the job in full until the work is completed to your satisfaction. In cases where the contractor cannot guarantee the exact cost of the job, he should guarantee in writing that the cost will not exceed his estimate by more than 15 percent.

Protect yourself. Your contract should also include a clause stating that the contractor is responsible for cleaning up the construction site when the job is finished. And be sure to add a clause stating that there will be no changes in the plans or specifications without the written approval of both the homeowner and contractor.

Before work on your home begins, get a written document from the contractor certifying that he carries both property damage and personal liability insurance and that all his workers are covered by Workmen's

Tender Loving Care

Mrs. Elda Duke, operator of Hancock General Hospital Gift Shop, celebrated two birthdays last week - her own and that of the hospital gift shop. The gift shop is now in its 6th year of operation.

January's employee-of-the-month, Mrs. Genevieve Rhodes, was announced at a special meeting yesterday.

"Miss Jenny" as she is affectionately known is one of our nurses aides and a graduate of the first nurses aide course sponsored by Hancock General Hospital in 1960. This employee-of-the-month award was bestowed upon Miss Jenny by her fellow employees, a much deserved recognition.

DO YOU HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? Help is available through Alcoholics Anonymous for the problem drinker, and through Al-Anon for his or her family. Call 467-6112 for AA and Al-Anon information. Al-Anon meets Mondays 8:00 P.M., St. Augustine Seminary cafeteria.

Padre Pio film to be shown today

A film on the life of Padre Pio, "Fifty Years of Thorns and Roses," will be shown at St. Augustine Seminary gymnasium in Bay St. Louis, Saturday the 14th, 2:30 p.m.

says Milton Durel, 467-5764. Padre Pio received the Stigmata, the five wounds corresponding to those of Christ, in 1918 and bore them for 50 years.

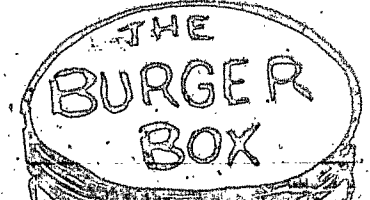
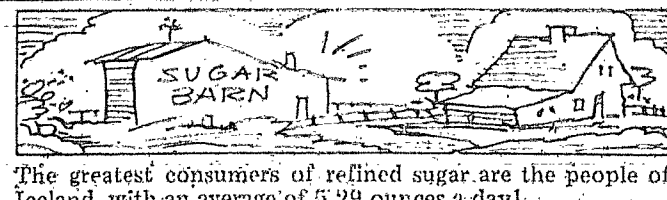
Padre Pio's monastery in Italy and in May will lead another pilgrimage there.

Admission is free.

Friends of Padre Pio meet every Monday night at 7 p.m. at 322 Nicholson Ave., Waveland, and celebrate mass every first Saturday of each month at 2 p.m.

The 16-mm movie depicts the life of the Franciscan priest, who lived 1887 to 1968, and whose cause for canonization is in progress.

The one-hour film is accompanied by a short lecture by Vera M. Calandra, director of "The Cause for Padre Pio Inc.," who made 20 trips to



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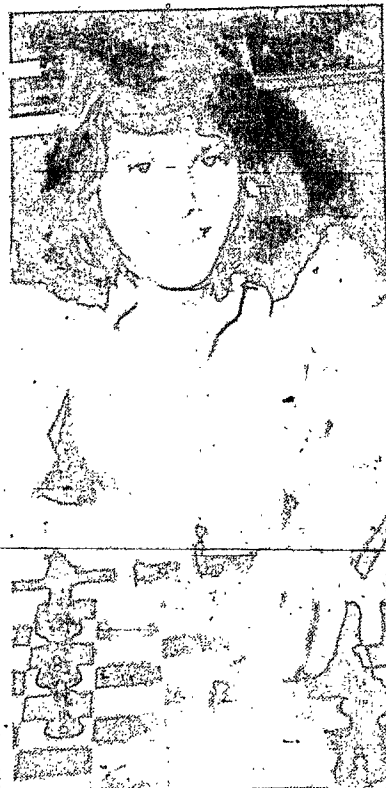
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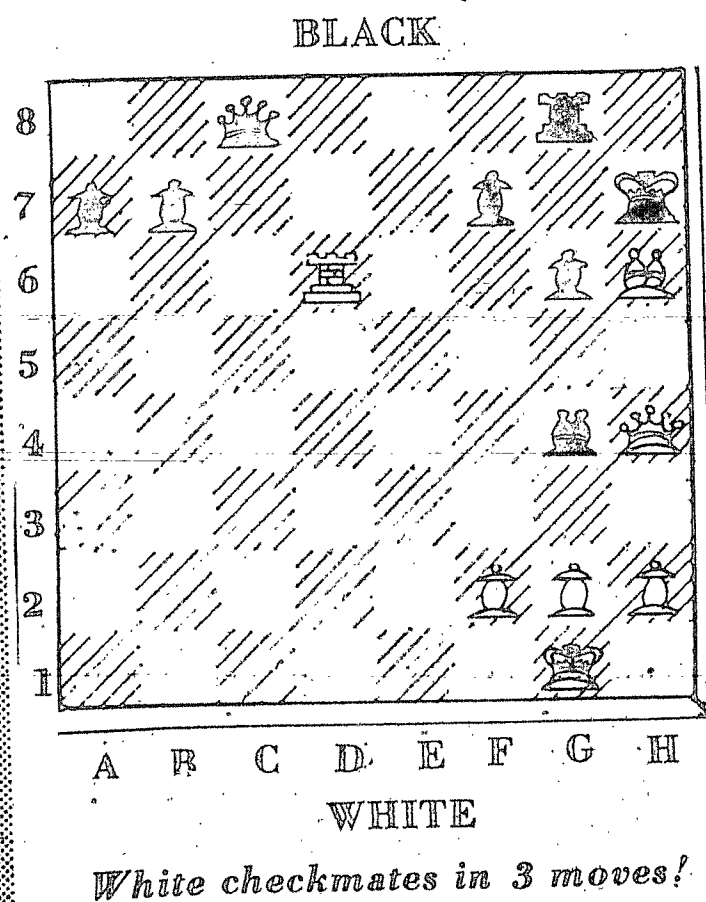
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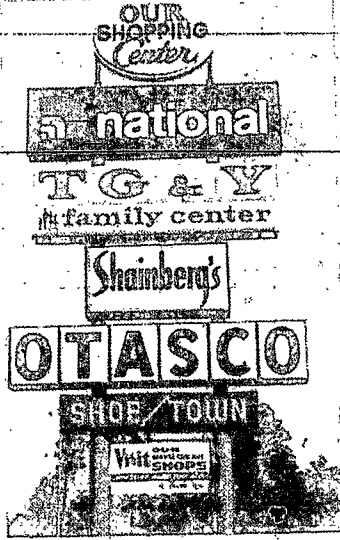
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Solution



Contest No. 10
Correct solution to Contest No. 10 is main entrance sign, Our Shopping Center, US-90, Waveland. (Contest picture was shot from beneath sign).



Our son allows as how today is delightful indeed. His latest self imposed project is completed; six-week's tests at Bay High are over until next time; and no home-work assignments were issued for the weekend. He summed up, "Finally, I've reached the point of no concern!"

One neighbor has given up trying to teach his wife the correct use for each tool. After looking around fruitlessly she asked him, "Can I borrow one of those wrenches you're using for just one minute?" From beneath the sink he asked, "Which kind?" "I don't care," she said. "I want to hang a picture but can't find the hammer."

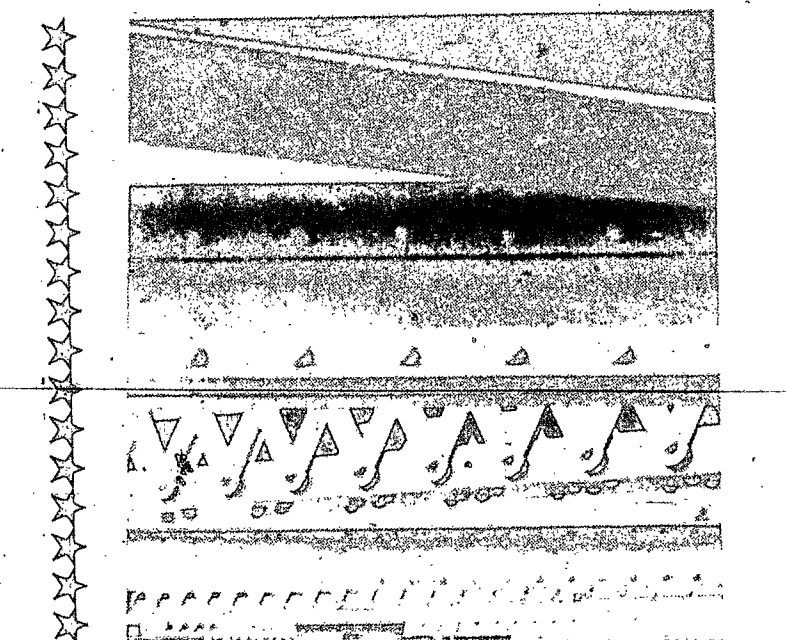
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Contest No. 11

"Well, where/what is it?"

"Well, where-what is it?" will portray a different, well known area scene, or article, location or item for each contest. Each will be presented in disguised photographic form, with the complete description being provided upon completion of each contest. Clues, in the form of poetic verse, will be given, with additional lines being added each week the contest location or item remains unsolved.



Contest 10 fell like the walls of Jericho. First week in contention, the trumpets sounded "Charge!" contestants swarmed to the mail box, and by Tuesday the mail was flowing like demi-semi-quavers on the music score. Our chief "contest letter drawer-outer" flexed her supple fingers on Thursday, after all mail was stamped by our chief "mail stamper-inner" (we have no Indians), donned the proverbial blindfold, fumbled around, knocked over her coffee, swore, then drew out a letter. It was from Ronald Lader of Ballentine Street. It was right. It identified the entrance sign at Our Shopping Center in Waveland. He has today been sent the winner's pay-off - two free passes to the Star Theatre, along with our congrats!

Contest 11 begins today. Its difficulty ratio has been rated as "so-so." Entries to Contest 11 will be tackled after all mail received on Thursday, Feb. 19. Good Luck! (-J-)



Clue No. 1

We used to use this
More than now,
It has its ups and downs,
Over one way out,
Over one way in,
When going town to town.

Contest Rules

- "Well, where-what is it?" is designed to be fun contest only, although the first correct answer opened by the Weekly Supplement editor will receive two complimentary passes to the Star Theatre.
- Entries should be addressed to: Contest No. 11 Sunday Echoes, Sea Coast Echo, 112 South 2nd Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. Entries received each week will be held until noon on the Thursday preceding publication of that weekend's Sunday Echoes.
- Employees of the Sea Coast Echo or their families are ineligible. All entrants must be over 18 years old.
- Names of winners will be published in subsequent issues.
- Additional clues will be published each week until the contest is won. A full picture of the contest's location, or identification, will be published along with the winner's name.

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